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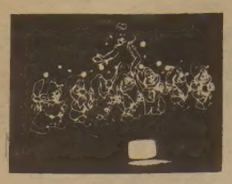

Snow White shone at the 10th Annual Winter Festival of Lights. See Page 9.

Merry Christmas!

Journalism-Print Year Two Students wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sports

Niagara's men's basketball team handily defeat Sir Sandford Fleming of Peterborough 99-46. See Page 10.

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Santa sighted early!

Santa Claus gave a surprise visit to the horticultural students selling the poinsettia plants at the Welland campus yesterday. From left are Santa Claus (a.k.a. Dale Deloughery, Student Administrative Council president), Sue Downie, and Dave Spartt, first- and second-year horticultural students. See story page 8. **Photo by Samantha Magill**

College 'trying damndest' to avoid faculty layoffs

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Due to increasing education costs, Ontario's colleges are changing the way they do business.

The changes happening at Niagara College have administrators and union officials meeting behind closed doors.

On one hand, college administrators are examining ways to cut costs, while on the other hand, the union, representing the college's faculty, is concerned about job losses.

Both sides are after the same thing, but "the union side doesn't have to balance budgets," says David Schleich, vice-president academics.

College administrators are looking at options aimed at reducing a $2.3-million deficit.

Schleich said it is not the college's intention to layoff full-time faculty. "We need every full-time person we've got. We're trying our damndest to avoid layoffs," he said. "We can't afford to operate the way we have for the last 25 years; some of our traditional structures are too expensive to continue."

At least one union official said she believes that means job losses.

Faculty staff has been cut in the past five years, says Joan Hastings-Dove, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), Local 242, which represents the college's 260-member faculty.

She cited figures showing full-time faculty (including those on long-term disability) at 263 in January 1993 — down 33 people from 1988, a decrease of almost 10 per cent.

Hastings-Dove said she's concerned about the college's plan to change staffing and the possible restructuring of the college system in the province.

"I'm concerned because faculty is being asked for their input on their own legal collective agreement, which the average faculty member may not realize the full implications to their job security," she said.

There have recently been three involuntary transfers, says Hasting-Dove. "Management used the term redeployment, but it follows the same process as a layoff."

Schleich's comments were in response to a Nov. 4 memo by Hastings-Dove, in which she claimed "downsizing" at the college will occur and that teaching changes will cost faculty their jobs if not done properly.

"The memo addresses a wide variety of initiatives and events in an incomplete way," said Schleich. "It's hardly the full picture and it's not helpful."

"There have been no full-time faculty laid off in the time I've been here which is just under two years," said Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources.

Union leaders and administration met last Friday to negotiate dealing with the proposals. Hastings-Dove told college officials she wants anything regarding faculty change to go through the union's College Employment Stability Committee.

"The committee is designated for long-term and short-term planning strategies regarding employment stability," she said. "We have asked (management) several times and have been ignored until now."

Hastings-Dove said she will wait for a decision about the union's proposals.

For outstanding community service

Three receive Governor General's Commemorative Award

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Ivar Noren, Eugene Maltais and Larry Cote will be among 27 people from the Niagara Region receiving the Governor General's Commemorative Award on Sunday.

Cote, co-ordinator of the Business Administration program, said the notification for his award is for major community contributions "over a long period of time." Cote has been at the college for the past 26 years.

Maltais has been at the college for 19 years and is a political science teacher. He was nominated by the Welland Red Cross, an association of which he was past president.

Noren is the Registrar at the college and has been employed here for 25 years. Noren was nominated for his work with the Promote Welland Task Force, the Welland Community Futures and Welland Development Bank.

In the past, Cote has served as campaign director for the United Appeal; president of the Welland Business Development Centre — a job creation initiative — a member of the mayor's task force and was active in minor sports. Cote is also on the Community Futures board of directors and is a member of the mayor's action committee.

"I'm pleased to be recognized on behalf of my wife and children," said Cote. "I know I've been away

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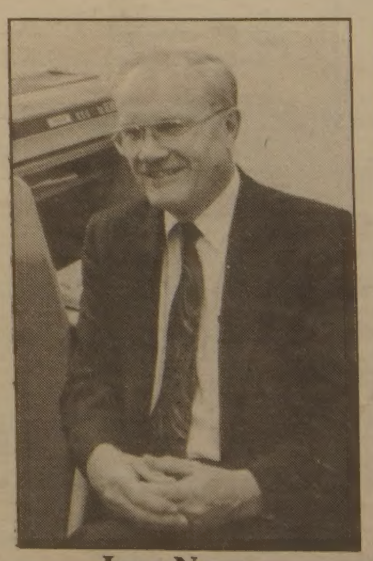
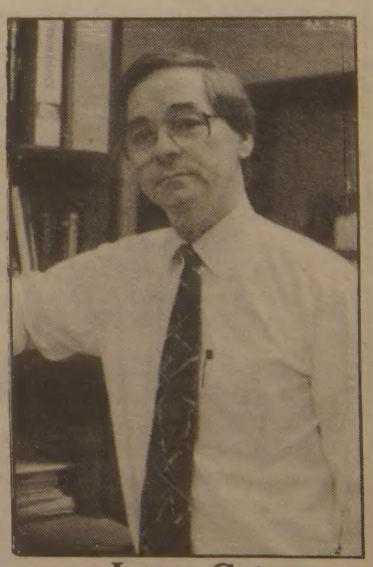


Ivar Noren

Eugene Maltais



Larry Cote

Kiss the Flame

By Heather D. Hodgson
Professor
Law and Security Administration
Special to Niagara News

What started as a conversation, over coffee, with colleagues in the drug awareness field has become reality. Kiss the Flame is established as a growing momentum, a product of Niagara College.

Our community partners have provided a great deal of support and services. Our Drug Awareness Week initiatives would not have been possible without the assistance of many people, here at the college and in the greater community.

Our Niagara College community partners include: Learning Resource Centre, Student Council, Book Store, Computer Store, Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara News, Niagara Radio, Law and Security Administration, English Program, Restaurant and Hotel Administration program, Food and Beverage Management program, Culinary Skills program, Tourism program, Visual Arts program, Marketing Services, faculty, support staff, administrative staff and students.

Our greater community partners include: Coca Cola, Hilroy Books, Radio Shack, Seaway Mall; Shoppers Drug Mart, Seaway Mall; Al Slattery Ford, Family Robins Restaurant, Rotary Club, St. Catharines Lakeshore; Joe Fetas Restaurant, Jack Astors Restaurant, Smart Alex Restaurant, La Fontana Restaurant, Grand and Toy, Jackson Square; State Farm Insurance, Norman Panzica, Council on Drug Abuse; and Henry Schankula, Addiction Research Foundation.

I would like to acknowledge a few people who made the contests possible: Matt Dobrindt, student in the Law and Security Administration program and all of the organizers and judges of the Design A Logo contest, Neil Foster, and all of the organizers and judges at the Hospitality Centre who made the Design A Beverage Contest happen, Donna Kerrigan and all of the organizers and judges of the essay contest.

Two Days Before Christmas

'Twas two days before Christmas. We drove across town,
As signs of the season shone brightly around.
My daughter behind me, now lost in a song
From the walkman attached under hair that was long.
My son sat beside me. We talked of the drive
Clear roads and good traffic. Soon we would arrive.

I checked in the mirror, behind me was clear.
Then a crash brought sharp pain. When I looked to the rear
A blue car seemed merged with the bumper and trunk.
I tried to pull over. Thought "He must be drunk."
Abruptly he swerved to the right then did veer
Back toward my car filled my children with fear.

Away he did dash through the traffic with speed.
I called out the licence. My daughter took heed.
We followed and watched as he spun and he swayed.

A "T" intersection, 'cross the road they did go.
The blue car straight into a pole. I don't know
Why I advanced but I just had to do
Something to stop the car driver. Then, too,
A cop is a cop whether off duty or on.
The driver backed up. Soon he would be gone.

I ran to arrest him. "Stop. Police." I yelled.
His car sped towards me, then hit me. Now felled
I lay on the asphalt the rear wheel in sight,
Behind me a car mover, couldn't move left or right.
I figured "I'm dead." Closed my eyes, waited for . . .
As I opened my eyes I could hear engines roar.

Another cop entered the scene, took him down.
As I limped over to help, gawkers gathered around.
His eyes were quite blood shot. His breath smelled of booze.
He was so obnoxious, bad language did ooze
From his foul mouth as he struggled and swore.
His balance unsteady . . . Impairment for sure.

The bad guy turned over to troops that arrive.
I finally realized "My God, I'm alive."
An ambulance carried us safely away.
And I know I was lucky to greet Christmas Day.
Yet, the anger still builds, and the pain is still there.
I can still see the wheel and it gives me a scare.

I could have died there, on the road. This I know
I guess it will haunt me wherever I go.
My children are fine and my car has been fixed.
But, I have to admit, my emotions are mixed.
I should be so thankful, yet this anger is there.
It's hard to accept that he just didn't care.

I wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday season, success in your endeavors and happiness in the coming year.

Lost and found
Moves to After Hours

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's lost and found department has been relocated to After Hours at the Welland campus.

Formerly in Room L6, lost and found articles will be stored in After Hours under the supervision of student centre manager Donna Flutur.

Linda Maidens, building operations supervisor, will still register lost and found items in L6, but after registration the articles will be moved to the student centre "because it (lost and found) would better serve the students there," said Maidens.

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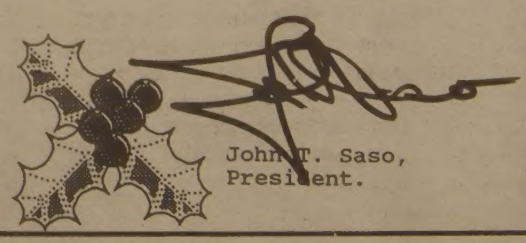
PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

For the vast majority of students and staff at Niagara College, 1992 has been a challenging and rewarding year.

For a college and its students to thrive in difficult times, everyone must stay focused on a common goal...your graduation. Your part in this journey is to take full advantage of your post-secondary education, a privilege which in most parts of the world is afforded to very few. Staff and faculty's part in a caring institution of higher learning is to do their utmost to help you successfully reach this important learning process plateau.

I know I speak on behalf of the Board of Governors, faculty and staff when I say we look forward to your return in January and, ultimately, to the successful completion of your studies at Niagara College.

My sincere best wishes for a happy and relaxing holiday season and may 1993 be very kind to you.



John T. Saso,
President.

Saso favors increase to offset lost revenue

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

Niagara College President John Saso supports the increase in tuition fees.

The Ontario government last week said tuition fees for college students would increase $60 to $916 starting in September 1993.

The NDP government also announced that colleges and universities would receive a one-time two per cent increase in transfer payments, but in truth, Saso said most colleges and universities would get no increase in transfer payments this year and next year.

He said the lost revenue in transfer payments could cost Niagara about $500,000 this year and more than $1 million next year.

He said a $150 increase in tuition fees next September would have offset this loss of revenue.

"But even if we were not in tough times," he said, "I would be in favor of an increase because post-secondary education in Ontario needs help."

He said the Ontario Student Assistance Program should cover the additional costs.

"Tuition fees should be around $1,200 a year," Saso said, adding he would like to see the tuition fee increase done in two or three jumps.

He said such an increase "would have no effect on enrolment rates because colleges and universities in Ontario are the best bargain in North America."

Saso said Erie Community College in New York charges $1,500 to $1,800 in tuition fees a year. "Even if we double tuition, education in Ontario would still be one heck of a bargain."

A $350 increase in tuition costs would give the Ontario college system $42 million for education, he said.

The issue of increasing tuition fees was raised at the latest college Board of Governors meeting.

Tuition rates are set by the provincial government.

The provincial government has taken the $56 million that was supposed to go to the colleges and universities as the two per cent increase in transfer payments, and put it in a pot, he said.

Although the rules have not been made available yet, Saso said schools will have to bid on the money and will receive parts of the fund on the basis of restructuring projects.

"I doubt anyone will recieve more than two per cent, but we will try to get as much as we can," he said.

Saso said he was "hoping against hope" that considering the provincial government's high opinion of the college system the province would spare the colleges.

"I am a little disappointed in the government's short-sightedness."

But, despite the adversity, Saso said college administrators will try to adjust to the changes while keeping the best interest of the college in mind.

Niagara College has a budget deficit of $2.3 million.

Pay cuts injure educators' enthusiasm for teaching

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

In an effort to cut costs, Niagara College is reducing the hourly rate paid to its 1,600 continuing education teachers.

Effective in January, the hourly rate will be $19, down from $27.09 for beginning teachers and $25, down from $33.91 for instructors with teaching experience.

It will mean about a $30 loss for the instructors who teach night classes three hours a week.

The cutbacks will save the college between $400,000 and $500,000 for the 1993/94 fiscal year, said John Saso, college president.

"We value them but have no choice at this time," Saso said.

One part-time teacher of many years said she will cut the hours of her night-class time since her wage has been cut.

"We're sorry, but we'll start to look for replacements."

"I've decided I'm not going to do three hours a week anymore - I'll do two hours and that's it," she said, asking her name not be published.

She said if the college objects to her proposal they can "shove it!"

Most part-time teachers have full-time jobs, therefore, the loss of pay won't be worth all the preparation time needed, she said.

"If (the college) doesn't appreciate the expertise of these teachers financially, then they'll lose the quality of teachers that they've got."

The only way the college can have quality teaching is to have those who are out in the workforce who have the expertise needed, she said.

"I have had the expertise and the knowledge to have a class for many years that has brought nothing but money to Niagara College," she said.

She said there are other teachers who are considering reducing their workload or resigning.

For those who want to leave, Saso stated: "We're sorry, but we'll start to look for replacements."

Parking permit ripoffs on decline but still room for improvement

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

A total of 47 parking permits have been stolen since the beginning of the school year.

Only 15 permits have been reported stolen since Oct. 23.

"It's decreased a lot. We're just getting the odd one," said Sandy Fox, manager of the college's ancillary operations and financial services.

One student recently had her car window broken and her permit stolen. The bylaw officer, who issues tickets, has a list of all stolen permits on record. When he sees a stolen permit in a car, he notifies the police.

"It's getting better, but it's still not good," Fox said.

Proposal introduces hikes to both tuition and funding

By ARLENE ARCH
Staff Writer

Ontario's universities and colleges are getting less and less money from the provincial government.

In response, a coalition of student leaders are determined to change the rules and help the weakened college system by injecting $360 million into the school sector.

The Ontario Graduate Student Alliance, representing more than 85,000 students from Brock University, Queen's University, University of Toronto, Waterloo University and Wilfrid Laurier University, have introduced a proposal that includes increasing tuition fees to students and more provincial government funding for post-secondary education.

If the proposal is put into effect, students would be paying $200 more annually over the next three years. The proposal also asks the government to boost its funding by 12 per cent to match the tuition increase dollar for dollar. It also suggests private sector contributions be increased five per cent and an income-contingent loan repayment plan covering tuition and books for students be implemented.

Niagara College Student Administrative Council president Dale Deloughery opposes any increase in student tuition fees at this time.

Deloughery said he believes the time isn't "appropriate" to raise tuition fees.

"Students are hurting now, especially around this area," he said.

He also said it's unlikely the government will increase funding for schools because they believe they already subsidize colleges and universities enough.

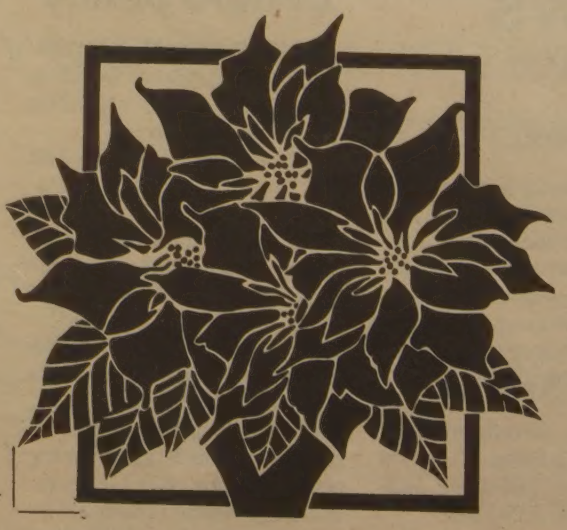
Dave Wells, student union president at Brock University, supports the proposal. However, "the tuition increase should be advocated only if the other elements of the proposal are implemented as well," he said.

You Create It All

Whether you're in first, second or third year, give yourself new power as a student in 1993. Over the Christmas break, figure out what worked for you in your educational experience in 1992 and what didn't.

There are wonderful rewards for you at the other end of your time at Niagara. There are strong challenges at this end. Don't miss the chance to make 1993 count. If you need help, ask for it. If you need an ear, there are faculty advisors, counsellors teachers and master student graduates ready to listen.

Have a great Christmas. Build a terrific New Year.



David Schleich
Vice - President
Academic

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Time to pay the 'Piper' NDP adviser investigated

John Piper is an unhappy man.

The former New Democrat Party senior adviser has been accused of doing something that you, I, or any other member of the public could easily do.

Piper is under investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police for trying to leak a woman's criminal record to a reporter. The women's allegations led to the resignation of the former NDP energy minister.

Criminal records are not secret. The truth is that anyone can walk up and ask for a criminal file.

As the hullabaloo over this recent scandal begins to die down, the opposition is grasping at straws to further taint Piper and the NDP.

A Liberal MPP has accused Piper with torpedoing Toronto's bid for the 1996 Olympics. Unbelievable. Gosh, could the Liberals have come up with something just a bit more related? They must be wringing their hands with glee over this. With all due respect, nobody is going to really be concerned with him destroying a woman's reputation, but take away the Olympics from Toronto and there will be hell to pay. In fact I'm sure there is an angry mob of pitchfork bearing Toronto citizens storming his house as you read this.

You know if the opposition really wanted to make him look bad I'm sure they could have come up with a bit better and more colorful story, although the Olympic one is pretty good. If you think about it, all they would have had to say was that Piper was solely responsible for the Goods and Sales Tax, free trade, and making Brian Mulroney the prime minister. It would be that easy.

Duncan Warrener

Canadians face choices deciding Mulroney's fate

Canadians could soon face a difficult decision should Brian Mulroney call an election. Do we vote for him to remain as prime minister or do we take the chance of him becoming the new president of the National Hockey League?

The choice is not an easy one.

It's safe to say more Canadians are tuned into hockey than politics, so with Mulroney's questionable political history, who would want him sticking his chin into the NHL?

Sure, Mulroney has always gotten what he wanted as prime minister, just look at the outcome of the Charlottetown and Meech Lake accords. Sure, Mulroney bent policies for political gain. His appointment of extra senators to pass the Goods and Services Tax legislation was imaginative to say the least.

Someone who'll bend the rules to suit his own purpose and someone who can't convince people to agree with his ideas is not the type of individual we want as the president of the NHL. At the very least, he couldn't be worse than former NHL president John Ziegler.

Canadians might dislike Mulroney because of this long recession and the high rate of unemployment, but if he becomes NHL president, Canadians will downright hate him.

Dennis Fast

Campus Watcher

"Keep your eyes on your possessions before they become someone else's possessions."

Campus Watch is an initiative which began in September, involving the Niagara College community in co-operation with the Niagara Regional Police Force, aimed at maintaining a safe community in which to live, work and learn.

The college campus is a safe place but being actively involved with this program is an extra deterrent. Police have found that areas with Neighborhood Watch programs have crime rates significantly lower than that of other areas.

Campus Watcher is a regular awareness feature of the Niagara News. This edition's cartoon was created by Visual and Creative Arts-Design student Heather Swann.

Staff and students are asked to forward their Campus Watcher submissions to Randy Conlon in the Marketing and Communications office, S102.

Crime stoppers Help ID bank robber

It's been said that "A picture is worth a thousand words", and Crime Stoppers and Niagara Regional Police are hoping for a few words on the identity of a bank robber. Security cameras took photos of a man who held up the Norcam Blue Water Currency Exchange on Saturday, Oct. 10, 1992.

The bank is located on the first level of the Skylon Tower, 5200 Robinson St., Niagara Falls, Ont. Shortly before closing at 8 p.m., a lone male entered the Currency Exchange and approached the counter.

Flashing what appeared to be a black, semi-automatic gun stuck in the waistband of his pants, the man demanded money from the clerk. The thug produced a plastic bag and ordered the victim to "fill it up".

After obtaining money in both Canadian and American funds, the bandit fled the bank and may have left the Tower heading to the main parking lot in front, or west towards the IMAX Theatre lot.

The suspect is described as male, white, late 20's to early 30's, 5'9" to 5'11", 160 to 170 pounds with a light build. This man had a dark beard and moustache with dark hair and wore very thick glasses, a black baseball cap, black leather jacket, black shirt and faded blue jeans.

If you can help idenufy this robbery suspect, or provide any other information, please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax deductible donations and cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P. O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.

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All letters can be mailed or brought to the Niagara News newsroom, Rm. S212, Simcoe Building, Welland campus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from the Red Cross

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the Law and Security Administration program students who worked so hard to publicize the recent blood donor clinic.

The Corpsuckle Cuties — Derik Gilbert, Cam Mudie, Chris Breen, Mike DiLapo, Kevin Morin, along with Draculas — Joe Habib and Shannon Goba-Marr and Buddy Blood Drop — Melissa Giagnorio helped to increase the awareness of the college community and boost the morale of anxious donors.

Their makeup artists — Krista Lake, Laura Mussat, Kelly Belanger and Jennifer Gooder — deserve a big thank you for the special effects.

Pete Dipaola and Tina DiCarlo with their team from LASA's section 1 ably blanketed the college walls with over 1,000 posters.

Dale Racine, Joanne Rhodes and the rest of section 5 LASA, quickly distributed 2,000 "coupons" to all the cars in the parking lots. The parking lot and poster clean up crews from sections 2 and 4 LASA were well directed by Heather Forbes, Drew Wallace, Krista Schaus and Mike Hibbs.

In addition, I would like to express my gratitude to Patrick Aselstine and the Niagara News for the excellent coverage of the clinic, Student Administrative Council vice-president of external affairs Kristen Sorensen for organizing the refreshments, and supervising the sign out table, Carolyn Hurst, college nurse, for her invaluable assistance during the clinic, Rosemary Chupik, branch manager, Welland Red Cross for her innovative organizational ideas and Kerry Nicholls, Daryn Eden, Matt Harris, John Latimer, Chris Dale and their teams of helpers from sections 3 and 5 LASA for setting up and dismantling the clinic and assisting the Red Cross staff with their equipment.

All of you are responsible for the great success of this year's clinic. Your enthusiastic efforts reversed the downward trend in donations experienced in past clinics at the college!

And a final word to the Law and Security Administration program students: You are a very special group of people who give willingly of your time (and blood) to help others. The donations from first-year LASA jumped from 82 pints in 1991 to 132 this year — an incredible increase of 50 pints. You are truly amazing!

Thanks to everyone.

Jan Potton
Psychology Professor
Vice-President Welland Branch
The Canadian Red Cross Society

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Jumping on the bandwagon without any research leads to condemnation

Dear Editor:

It was with some disappointment that I read last edition's editorial by Karen Kranjac only to find yet another session of David Irving-bashing.

Instead of performing an investigation of her own, Kranjac jumped on the bandwagon by simply repeating what the mainstream media had already made old news. The only unique local flavor that she added was that she was sure that Irving should be deported because his presence caused "Young teenagers who stand out as skinheads (to) prominently display a Nazi swastika flag on their cars and jackets." Using her logic, this was all a reaction to David Irving's presence so, therefore, he is a Nazi and should be deported.

Who do you think is more responsible for the actions of these young people? An international historian who has authored many university-level books or the sensationalist media who would rather label him than openly debate his arguments? Somehow I doubt that any of the young people Kranjac mentioned have ever come into contact with Irving's books or speeches. I wonder if Kranjac ever took the time to read any of his books herself, that's the least she could do before she condemns him.

I can't help but fear for the future of Canada when journalists would rather label and censor a dissident than investigate his/her arguments so that the public can make up their own minds. I would at least expect that in the open-minded learning atmosphere of a college.

I have to admit, I have read Irving's book "Churchill's War" and I have also seen a video of one of his speeches. In fact, I was so impressed by his well-researched speech that I bought a copy of the video for myself.

Kranjac, next time you judge someone, do it by their actions, not by the reactions or labels of others. In fact, if you really feel open-minded and want an intellectual challenge, why not see my video of Irving's speech for yourself? Just leave me a note in locker #12 (between Rm. V12A and Rm. V12B, in the Voyageur Wing). My schedule is quite heavy, but I'm sure we can find some time to view it. This offer is open to anyone who feels brave enough to view an alternative to the "politically-correct" version of history.

Ron Suk
Mechanical Engineering Technology

'Kiss the Flame' column was riddled with incoherence and a patronizing tone

Dear Editor:

I'm not sure what bothers me most about the recent article by Henry J. Schankula in the "Kiss the Flame" column: the graceless use of the language, the lack of coherence in the article itself, or the preachy tone of the writer.

Mr. Schankula writes, "The need to reproduce ourselves is blending in a unique way in humans with the opportunity for repetitive, extremely pleasurable experiences." Translation, please! And when speaking of "siring" a "defective" offspring, aren't we more likely to be discussing animal husbandry than human procreation!

I find it difficult to reconcile the statement, "Alcohol use can lead to drop in sex drive" with the suggestion, "Some studies identify that over 45 per cent of students report being sexually active after drinking or drug use when they might not otherwise have so desired." But for sheer incomprehensibility, check out this parting shot, "Don't drink and have sex." Does the writer mean "Don't drink and have sex (instead)" or "Don't drink and have sex (simultaneously)"? If you can balance a full mug of beer and turn down the bedsheets, let the physical education department know. With your agility and powers of concentration, they may resurrect the idea of a gymnastics team.

Having spoken to several classes about writing compositions on the drug awareness theme, I am impressed with the maturity and insight most students have concerning this issue. Many students are eager to share information in the hopes of saving much grief, even lives. What students don't need is the threat that alcohol will somehow endanger their sex lives. And many deeply resent the well-meaning but preachy tone that folks like Mr. Schankula assume. Adults in an institution of higher learning, such as Niagara College, are not willing to accept badgering, nattering and proselytizing as a substitute for the healthy exchange of intelligent ideas.

I don't want Mr. Schankula to think I'm unsympathetic, so I'd like to offer him a copy of our textbook, *Who's Going to Read This Anyway?* Perhaps the title will help him next time he writes for a college community. He badly misjudged his audience this time.

Donna Kerrigan
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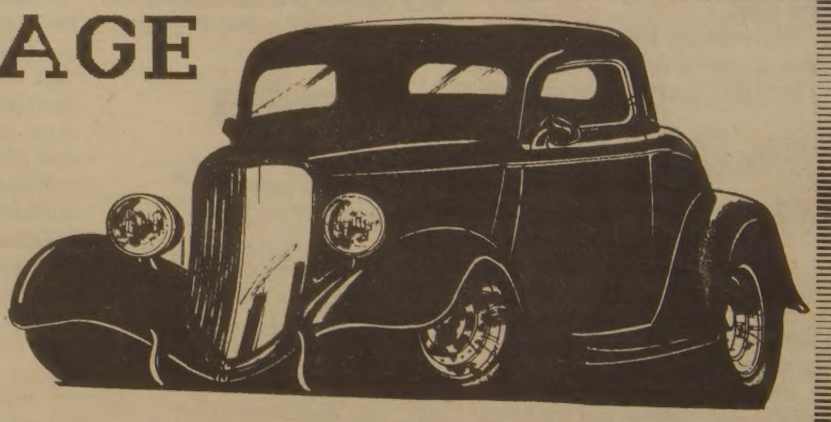

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College day care children were asked how they celebrate Christmas

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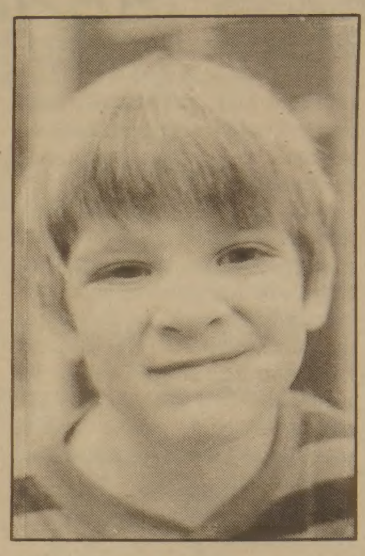
Sarah, 4, said, "Play with my sister and decorate the tree."

Megan

Megan, 5, said, "Put my Christmas tree up. Make cookies. Asking Santa for a jewelry box."

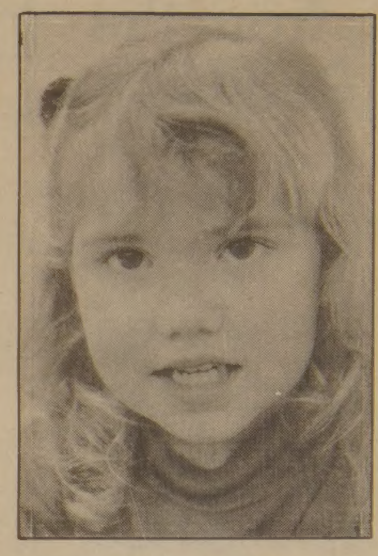


Kyle

"Play with my helicopter, make cookies — eat 'em! Asking Santa for remote control boat for my pool," said Kyle, 4.

Steven

Steven, 5, "Well, we decorate the house, of course, and we make cookies (gingerbread)!"



Linsey

"Put Christmas trees up, make cookies — wait for Santa," said Linsey, 4.

Niagara Speaks is written from the files of Karla Schindel and Kim Morphew

MORE LETTERS

Janet Potton commended for innovative planning of this year's blood donor clinic

Dear Editor,

Janet Potton, a psychology teacher at our college, is to be congratulated for the fantastic job she did in organizing the annual Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic at the college last week.

Many people will remember the long lineups of donors in past years. Through careful planning and changes in the routine, Jan has been able to bring order out of chaos. Red Cross officials from Hamilton told me they were so impressed with her innovations that they hope to incorporate them into the clinics they conduct in other colleges and universities in the area they serve.

The Canadian
Red Cross Society

Jan is to be congratulated, as well, for taking a very large and disparate group of students, first-year Law and Security Administration program, and molding it into an enthusiastic and hard-working team, a team that distributed over 3,000 blood donor reminder cards, updated last year's posters for this year's use, put up and tore down hundreds of posters, put fliers on car windshields in all seven parking lots, provided a group of cheerleaders to publicize the clinic, took on the role of Vlad the Vampire and Buddy Blood Drop, provided personnel for traffic control of donors during the clinic, provided the muscle at 8 a.m. on the day of the clinic to haul in a ton of Red Cross equipment, set it up, and take it down again at the end of the day. (Yea, team!)

Through her many hours of work on this project, Jan has made a significant contribution to college life and has served as a bridge to the larger community. To her, I say thanks.

Sincerely,
Eugene L. Maltais
Past President
Welland Branch
Canadian Red Cross Society

Shadow hosts 'Really great'

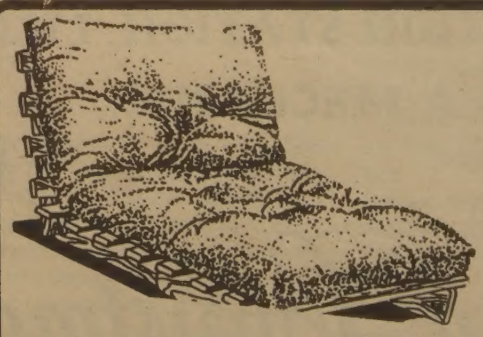
Dear Editor:

Please spread the good news! Students at Niagara College are the best students in the world!

Recently, 41 high school students visited our campus and the Mack campus to "shadow" 41 Niagara College students in different programs. Reaction was unanimous: the Niagara hosts were "really great to us — they answered our questions and even gave us their phone numbers, if we had more questions!"

All those who were "hosts", as well as all those who volunteered but were not needed this time, deserve a hearty pat on the back; my thanks to you all. Thanks, also, to all the teachers and co-ordinators who helped us put the "shadow" program together; it was a successful group effort.

Yours truly,
Mary Lou Eden
Member of Articulation
Committee



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ENTERTAINMENT

Home Alone 2 'definitely one to see' this holiday season

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

A movie's sequel usually includes the best aspects of the original. This is one of the main reasons why people see a sequel — to get a taste of the original movie.

Audiences should enjoy this sequel to Home Alone — the most successful comedy and third highest-grossing film in motion picture history. It incorporates more of the zany antics and family-oriented fun from the original, which takes the audience to new comedic heights.

In Home Alone 2: Lost in New York, Kevin MacCallister (Macaulay Culkin) leaves his home for a Christmas vacation but takes the wrong flight and ends up in New York City without his family who are bound for Florida.

Once again taking advantage of his family's absence (and the fact he has his father's money and credit card), Kevin books into the Plaza Hotel to enjoy his own luxurious vacation.

Unfortunately, a snooty concierge, desk clerk, and bellman, (Tim Curry, Dana Ivey, and Rob Schneider) try to ruin his stay. The ever-resourceful Kevin fools the trio into treating him like a king.

But the hotel staff are not the only ones who give Kevin a hard time. Harry and Marv (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) — the wet bandits, escape from prison and arrive in New York just in time for a toy store heist. Kevin, of course, runs into the crazy crooks and must save the toy store.

While the comedic talents of Pesci and Stern are still evident, the movie is not limited to just those two characters and Kevin as before.

For all members of the family looking for a really good laugh, this movie is definitely one to see over the holiday season.

Nightmare sequel goes 'one step beyond' original game

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

Inter-active board games may be the way of the future. Combining the old concept of board games with the new technology of video is an innovative idea.

Nightmare is the first truly inter-active game that has been marketed and it seems to be well received. As well as being inter-active, it is progressive. Not only is there an original game and video, but 1992 marked the arrival of a sequel. Consumers are interested in being able to use the same materials to play a different game. A group of people gathered to experience Nightmare II to compare it to the original.

"Nightmare, the sequel, goes one step beyond the original, it's more involved, more confusing. By the time we get to number three we're going to lose our minds," said Steve Butler, 26, "even when you think you have it mastered, you don't." Stephen Strong, 31, believes that this type of game is definitely the way of the future. "The world is a T.V., and we're in it," said Strong.

The game consists of a board, playing pieces, cards and a video. The original game introduced a character called the Gatekeeper, a scary, obnoxious man whose features deteriorate drastically as the game progresses. The character presiding over the sequel is Baron Samedi, a zombie. He is a more up-beat, hip character. He deteriorates as the game goes on. The Baron gives more players a chance to get involved than the Gatekeeper but the atmosphere he creates is quite different. "The second video is just as good as the first one but I prefer the atmosphere of the first one," said Butler.

"It should be spookier, it should actually scare you," said Strong.

As far as the packaging of the game goes, it does catch the eye. "Personally I think it is too dark but next to other games it stands out because others are usually white or light in color," said Krista Butler, 23. The timing of the sequel is great, just in time for Christmas.

For anyone who likes to be involved in a game, Nightmare and Nightmare II have just what it takes to pull you in and keep you hooked.

Audience joins in the fun during Gary McGill show

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Gary McGill, 38, performed before 100 Niagara College students in After Hours Nov. 24.

McGill, a London, Ont. resident, played songs by various musical artists including Tom Petty, David Wilcox, and Nirvana.

His act, consisting of vocals, guitar and electronic rhythms, encouraged audience participation through sing-a-longs and audience feedback.

The performance sounded great. The electric guitar was masterfully played with the accompaniment of the footpedals. It's obvious that his 24 years of experience playing and singing has paid off.

In 1990, McGill recorded his first tape entitled Alien Resident in Waiting, The Gary McGill Project, soon to be released on compact disc.

The music on this recording is all from the heart, but quite varied in style, said McGill on the jacket of the tape. "Every song has been somebody's favorite."

McGill has been married for 12 years to wife Leanne. One of the best songs on the tape is Gift For My Wife, written by McGill. The lyrics were sung to sound as sincere as the words themselves.

Overall, the tape is definitely worth checking out and so is McGill. He has been asked to play at Hamilton Tiger-Cat football home games next season.

Gary McGill entertained students at After Hours on Nov. 24. McGill encouraged audience participation while he sang cover songs and original material.

Photo by Duncan Warrener

Malhavoc building national following with new 'Pre-Meditated Murder' album

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

Malhavoc, a Toronto-based band, has slowly been building a large following nationally.

Recording with Epidemic Records from Scarborough Ont., the group has secured a distribution deal with a major U.S. record company.

Pre-Meditated Murder is the band's third album. It solidifies Malhavoc's command on the industrial scene. The concept behind the album is what can motivate someone to kill or commit suicide. The lyrics are not about blood and guts but a detailed description of someone's mind deteriorating. This can be heard in songs like Languish; "Though I trust what I do is right, the crack slowly spreads in my mind" and The L.O.C. ; "It won't be anything fancy; I'm just looking for human debris. Wouldn't you say your life has no use. Confess. Confess."

Review

Musically, the extended play varies according to the lyrical topic. A song like Solitude, which is about being isolated from society, is slow and eerie sounding. Then the song Dead is fast, noisy and ugly.

James Cavalluzo, who writes all the music and lyrics, has an unusual way of expressing his views. Some of the songs have commercial hip-hop beats slowed down with heavy guitaring that creates a groove sound. This is evident on the song Premeditated Murder Theme.

Along with the nine new songs, there are four older songs dating to 1985 and 1987. Beginning The End, from 1985, is a basement recording Cavalluzo did, while three other songs were left over from the unreleased Shrine album.

Malhavoc has proven they are one of the most innovative bands in Canada. Now with a major distribution deal, other areas of the world will be able to hear them.

Book documents politicians' verbal blunders

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

Being a babbling fool can get a person a pretty decent job, with some pretty astonishing benefits and powers as well.

In fact, it can put a person in a position of power otherwise not sought after by true echilons of intelligence.

Just ask George Bush. Or Brian Mulroney. Or Ronald Reagan. Or even, if you could, Joseph Stalin.

Benjamin Franklin once stated: "The first mistake in public business is the going into it." He couldn't have been more accurate, especially with people like David Olive around to document the blunders of those foolhardy enough to seek public office.

Review

Olive's book, "Political Babble: The 1,000 Dumbest Things Ever Said By Politicians" (Toronto: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1992), seems to have a pretty broad latitude from which to select. After all, who hasn't gurgled with laughter at the thought of out-going U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle's fumbling verbosity? Or U.S. President George Bush's inability to verbalize almost anything without calling it a "thing." Remember that "Vietnam thing"? Or, perhaps more frightening yet, "that actual deployment thing?"

The only problem with Olive's book, available in hard cover, is the arbitrary manner in which the quotations must have been chosen. After all, politicians do say the strangest things!

Niagara College's own home grown

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Horticultural centre in St. Catharines has for numerous years grown poinsettia plants and sold them at the Welland campus.

The centre, located on Niagara Street, begins potting the poinsettias in August and distributes the plants at the beginning of December.

"The poinsettia is an excellent crop for teaching," said Tom Ball, a Horticultural program co-ordinator. "The object of the course is to show the succession of different crops. The poinsettia comes in about the same time as the students start school and the crop goes out at Christmas time. We are getting the first-year students aware of crop timing."

The centre develops mumsettias that are also sold. Mumsettias are a combination of pointsettia and mum plants in a pot. In past years, the centre has grossed about $3,000 from the sale of plants to students at the Welland campus.

"We're not big enough to hurt any of the florists and we would rather sell inter-college," said Ball. "The quality must be there in the plants also. In the past some of the pointsettia plants have been sold to florists."

The centre is trying to use its resources as much as possible. By selling the plants, the profit will be re-invested into the program for equipment needed by the course.

The centre, when growing the poinsettias, do not use as many toxic sprays or spray as frequently as they do in the industry, because of the amount of people, said Ball, adding he would rather have insects than sick students. "We try as much as possible to use biological or cultural controls rather than the sprays."

Most insecticides that are registered to the Ministry of Environment lately are those that break down rapidly, he said.

The temperature of the green houses for the growth of poinsettias is between 18 and 20 Celsius.

"Towards the end of the crop, to brighten the color up, we drop the temperature down to between 16 and 18 Celsius and that intensifies the color of the poinsettias," said Ball.

Fashion Club Boutique holding St. Nick's sale

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

The Fashion Club Boutique will hold a St. Nick's Price Sale from Dec. 7 to 14.

"Everything is on sale: Men's and women's clothing and accessories," said Amy Tillmanns, a second-year student in the Fashion Merchandizing /Visual Promotions program at the college.

The non-profit boutique is operated by the second-year students, as part of their programming, she said.

"Any money that is made goes right back into the store," Tillmanns said.

The boutique hours have been extended over the period of the sale. Monday: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday: 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. and Fridays: 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Gingerbread house in the Kerrio room

Darrell Firby, instructor at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, shows how he made his gingerbread house for the Christmas holidays. The house, which took nine hours to construct, is displayed in the Kerrio dining room at the college.

Photo by Karen Kranjac

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Hansel and Gretel would be proud to see a gingerbread house recently made at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

Darrell Firby, an instructor at the college, designed the gingerbread house to celebrate the festive season of Christmas in the Kerrio dining room at the college. The dining room will be open during the Christmas holidays and is operated by the students.

"I made one last year for the dining room and this year I made two of them," he said.

Of the two gingerbread houses, one will be used as a gift for Bob Foster, an instructor who is retiring this year. The festively created house is on display at the entrance of the dining room, where it was displayed last year.

"I'd like to make one every year around Christmas time and hopefully this will become a tradition within the college," said Firby. "This is the second time that we've made the gingerbread house."

Firby and Connie Clement, an advanced apprentice student at the college, spent between eight and nine hours on the two houses, including one day of baking and another of putting the houses together.

Each of the displays from the two years are different and they don't require any set pattern to make them. The houses are designed by Firby, using gingerbread, Royal icing, chocolate, almonds and candy canes.

"You let your imagination go wild and decorate it whichever way you want by just doing what comes naturally," he said. "You can even do a whole village if you want."

Making the gingerbread house was fun, he said.

After finishing, Clement wanted to make another but, unfortunately, she has to wait until next Christmas, said Firby.

Lights opening a success

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

M-I-C-K-E-Y—M-O-U-S-E! Music vibrates from speakers taller than most of the chanting, dancing, swaying crowd.

The 10th annual Winter Festival of Lights featuring "The Enchantment of Disney" opened Nov. 21 with cermonies at Queen Victoria Park in Niagara Falls.

A Jamaican-sounding beat reverberates over the wet, squishy grounds. Although the ground was soaked from rainfall earlier that day, spirits were not dampened. Children with painted faces and cardboard Mickey Mouse ears wandered behind their parents taking in the carnival-like surroundings.

Volunteers were visible throughout the park with their flourescent orange and yellow vests. Keeping the crowd, media and other volunteers to designated areas proved taxing for some.

To one side of the park what looked to be a woman standing on a table had a crowd of about 30 spectators gathered around her. Closer to her one realizes that the eight or nine-foot Madame Buskerfly is on stilts, wandering the grounds and entertaining the waiting group.

Jugglers performing among the people also gathered a crowd as children look for something to do while waiting for the big event: Mickey Mouse.

On stage two girls whirl, clasp hands, spin and jump energetically. The dancers blur together in a rainbow of purple, green, blue, red and yellow.

Whirling off stage the dancers are followed by a flame eater. Smelling strongly of gasoline he exits the stage amid clapping.

The announcer introduces Canada's Minister of Tourism Tom Hockin who says, "Niagara Falls is the world's No. 1 tourist attraction; the second biggest is Disneyland; tonight we're putting them together."

Speakers, including Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson, were on hand to introduce the long-awaited Disney character. As the theme from the Mickey Mouse fan club blasted, children and adults alike sang together.

Mayor Thomson presented Mickey, dressed as a Mountie, the key to the city. In turn, he was declared an honorary citizen of Disneyland.

The crowd chants, ". . . three-two-one," as the switch is flipped illuminating the light displays and officially opening the Festival of Lights. Darkness is parted not only on the ground but in the night sky.

Mist from Niagara Falls creates a grey cloudy background as adults crane their necks to stare. However, not everyone enjoyed the display.

"It's good, but we didn't get to see Mickey that well," said Gaye Elia. "I think they are scaring Frankie," she said in reference to her two-year-old son lying on her shoulder facing away from the fireworks.

Most of the crowd however, seemed to enjoy the festivities.

"I thought it was great; I love Mickey," said Rhonda McQueen, a volunteer. "I think the Fantasia display is excellent. It is almost like the electrical light parade at Disney."

"I want to go to Disneyland!" said sisters Meghan and Maella O'Mara.

"It's great, we drove all the way from Hamilton. We knew Mickey would be here but this was unexpected," said Claire Walker.

Mayor Thomson expressed his satisfaction with the event. He said the co-operation between the Niagara Parks Commission, the festival workers and Disney was excellent. With the masses of people around he estimated there were "probably over 15,000 people, easy."

After the visual display of fireworks, the crowd started to disperse but not everyone left. The band played renditions of popular songs to about 400 people who remained.

This year's Winter Festival of Lights is scheduled to run until Jan. 3. The light displays and the illuminated falls will be on nightly from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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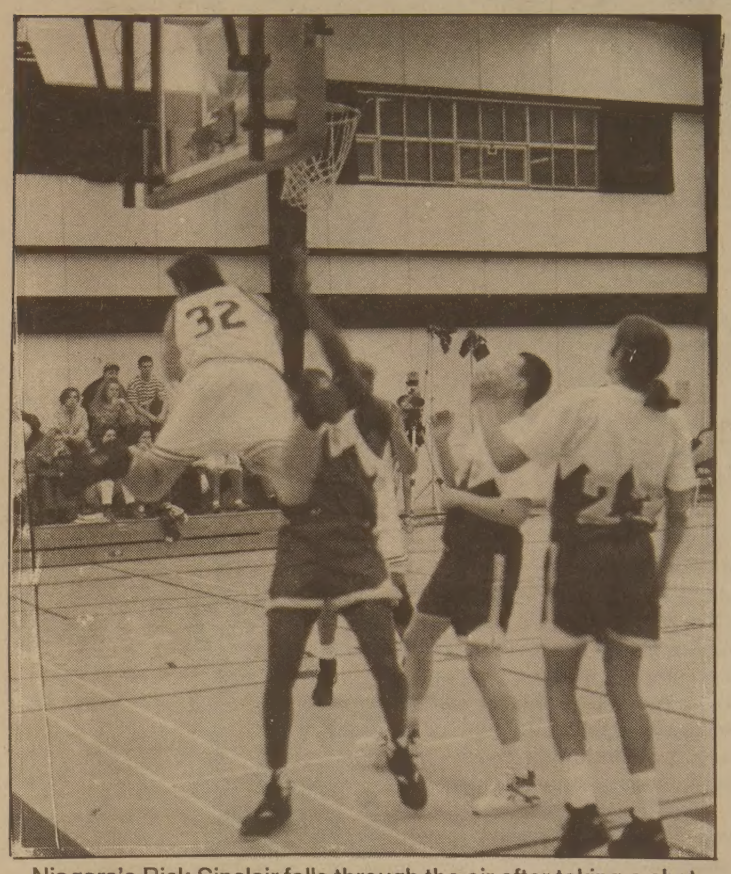


Niagara's Rick Sinclair falls through the air after taking a shot against Sir Sandford Fleming of Peterborough. The Knights won the basketball game by a 99-46 score.

Photo by Rick Kinzel

Sinclair paces Knights

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara men's basketball team came close to breaking the century mark in last week's home game against Sir Sandford Fleming of Peterborough. The Knights won 99-46.

Niagara got off to a quick start scoring 20 points before Fleming got its first point. The largest lead Niagara had before halftime was 37 points. At halftime Niagara led 52-26.

The offence was well balanced with each team member scoring at least a point. Niagara's Muchtar Ganiefi led all scorers with 16 points. Lisle Malaney led Sir Sandford Fleming with 14 points.

Rick Sinclair of Niagara had 15 points including three, three pointers. Merv Wrighton and Paul Grummett each had 14 points for Niagara. Frank Keltos finished with 10 for the Knights.

Niagara finished the game 12 for 19 from the foul line. The starters for Niagara sat for most of the second half while coach Todd Stevens let the rest of the team get some minutes in the second half.

The other Niagara scorers were Scott Currie with nine points including three, three-point baskets, Jeff Allen eight points, including one three-point shot, Mike Mercier four points, while Wendell Minty and Cam Bell each had three points. Dan Macnab had two points and Chris Breen one point.

Niagara's next game is an exhibition tournament at Loyalist College in Belleville on Jan. 9.

Basketball Knights split pair as Currie sets 3-point record

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team split a pair of games last weekend at home. Niagara lost to Loyalist College 106-90 but beat Lambton College 96-81.

Scott Currie led the way in the win over Lambton with 34 points including an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association record - 10 three-pointers. The other Niagara scorers were Paul Grummett with 17 points, Rick Sinclair 15 points, Merv Wrighton 10 points, Jeff Allen nine points and Muchtar Ganiefi with seven points.

Steve Tully led the Lambton Lions with 22 points in a losing effort.

Niagara got off to a slow start against Loyalist. "We woke up at the 31-minute mark," said coach Todd Stevens.

The Knights had a 17-14 lead in the first half but lost the lead after Loyalist scored nine straight points. Niagara never caught up.

Currie once again led Niagara with 28 points. The other Niagara scorers included Allen with 14 points, Grummett and Ganiefi 10 points, Wrighton and Frank Keltoss eight points, Sinclair six, Dan Macnab four points Wendell Minty two points.

Niagara plays in a tournament at Loyalist College in Belleville on Jan. 9.

Heyder leads Knights in tourney

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights men's volleyball team went 2-1 in a crossover tournament against the East Division on Nov. 21 to improve their overall record to 4-2 on the season.

The Knights opened the tournament by sweeping Canadore College of North Bay in two straight games. All games were played in a best two-out-of-three format. Canadore gave Niagara a bit of a scare in the first game jumping out to an early 5-1 lead. But Niagara quickly rebounded and won 15-9.

Niagara started strong in the second game and took a commanding 13-2 lead. However, they weakened defensively and allowed Canadore to score 11 unanswered points to tie the score at 13-13. Greg Heyder put the game away for the Knights by blocking two spike attempts to win 15-13.

Gary Fraser led the Knights offensively with 10 kills in the match, followed by Heyder and Brent Roszell with five apiece. Heyder led the way defensively with three blocks while Dan Lemmon and Roszell added two each.

In the team's second match of the day, Niagara played Cambrian College of Sudbury, the third ranked team in Ontario.

In the first game, Cambrian burst out to an early seven-point lead and easily went on to take the game 15-8.

"We had no way to get back into the game," Knights' coach Ray Sarkis said.

Game two saw both teams trade the lead many times with Niagara finally prevailing16-14.

Cambrian jumped out to an early 11-2 lead in the deciding game but allowed Niagara to mount a small comeback before putting the game and match away 15-7.

"I was disappointed to lose against Cambrian," Sarkis said. "We should have beat them and I think we will later in the year."

Fraser led the Knights offensively with 13 kills, Heyder and Jim Konrad had eight each, Roszell with seven, Brian Dekker four and Lemmon two. The Knights only made good on six blocks in the match.

Niagara swept Sault College of Sault Ste. Marie in the final match of the day 15-11 and 15-9.

Heyder led the Knights' attack with 10 kills and three blocks. Alain Belanger, Konrad, and Roszell added six, five, and two kills respectively.

"Overall I'm happy with the results and we're in a good position heading into the Christmas break," Sarkis said.

Other results from the tournament saw Cambrian go undefeated at 3-0, Redeemer 2-1, Conestoga 2-1, Canadore 0-3, and Sault 0-3.

Record slips to 4-3

Volleyball Knights complete first half with disappointing loss to Conestoga

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's volleyball team ended the first half of the season with a five-game loss at home against Conestoga College of Kitchener to bring their record to 4-3.

The Knights started the match slowly losing two straight games 12-15 and 8-15.

"They stuffed us like crazy," Knights' head coach Ray Sarkis said. "They (Conestoga) played over their heads but we weren't blocking."

However, Niagara rebounded strongly and won the next two games 15-7 and 15-9.

"We started to come around and stopped them defensively," Sarkis said.

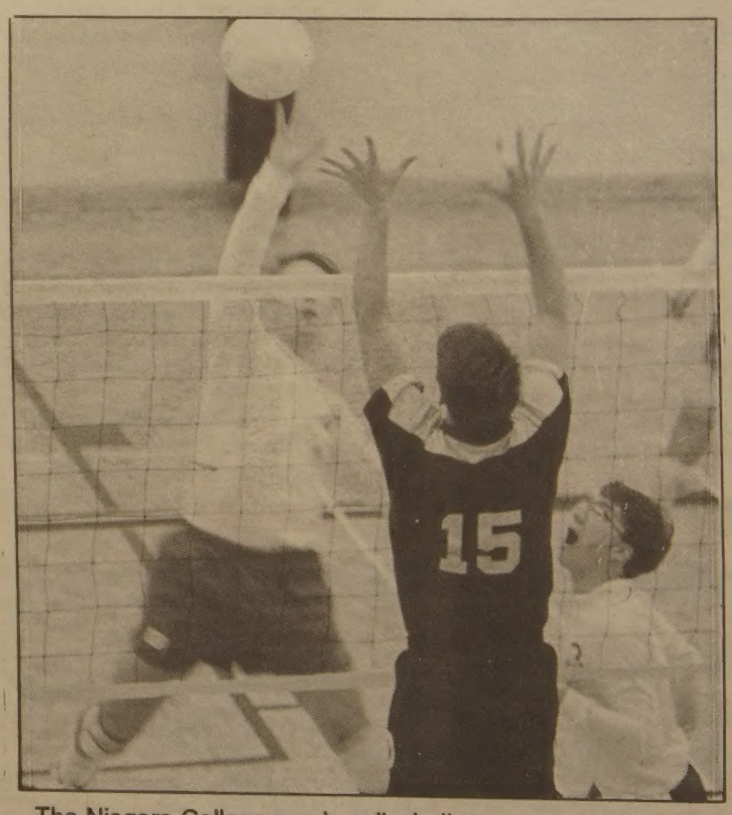
The final game was played in a rally point format with neither team holding more than a two point advantage. Conestoga eventually prevailed 19-17.

"We were disappointed that we came up short because we never made any mistakes in the game," Sarkis said. "However, it's a good confidence builder for us because we know that we can come back from a deficit."

Jim Konrad and Brent Roszell led the attack with 10 kills each followed by Greg Heyder and Gary Fraser with seven apiece. Brian Dekker added five kills in the losing cause.

Defensively Niagara was led by Dan Lemmon and Heyder with five blocks each.

The Knights' next regular season game is Jan. 12 when they host Georgian College of Barrie. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



The Niagara College men's volleyball team played host to a crossover tournament against the east division Nov. 21. In the above photo, players from Cambrian and Redeemer Colleges square-off at the net.

Photo by Frank Iudiciani

Hockey team slumping

By PETER KOZELA
Staff Writer

It was a difficult weekend in Northern Ontario for the Niagara Knights men's hockey team as they were defeated by the Haileybury Miners7-4 and the Cambrian Golden Shield 5-2.

"Danny (Yakabowski) made some great saves and came up big for us when we needed it. We have to start scoring goals," said Knights' coach Fred Bassi.

The Knights played these two games without the services of captain Dale Zimmerman who has an injury to his right hand. Bassi said he hopes Zimmerman will return to the lineup in January.

On Saturday, the Knights and Cambrian were involved in an entertaining game at the Coniston Community Centre. Coniston is a small town outside Sudbury and is the hometown of Toe Blake, the legendary ex-player and coach of the Montreal Canadiens.

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SPORTS

Niagara's woes continue

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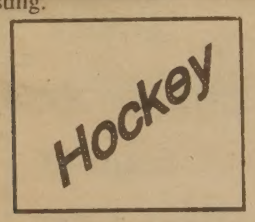
The Knights opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Rob Lafleur with an assist from Derek Rewberry at 11:31. The Golden Shield tied it four minutes later with Sylvain Alary netting the equalizer with assists going to Dave McDaniels and Rob Ouimet.

A strange goal by Simon Wayda from the red line at 12:09 of the second period put the Knights ahead 2-1. Wayda's shot beat Cambrian goaltender Jeff McNichol through the five-hole.

But in the third period the Golden Shield showed why they've been the best team in the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association in the first half of the season by scoring two goals in a 36-second span. Rob Ouimet tied the game with Rene Paquet assisting at 11:16. They took the lead at 11:49 with Tim Favot scoring and assists going to Andy Hodgins and Denis Gosselin. Cambrian added an insurance goal by Brent Hannah at 12:22, Corey King assisting on the goal. They added an empty-netter in the final minute by Andy Paquette with goalie McNichol assisting.



But the final score was not indicative of the way Knights goaltender Yakubowski played. He stoned the Golden Shield for two periods but said the team just ran out of gas in the third.

"Fatigue killed us," Yakubowski said after the game. "I held the team in there for two periods. I don't know what else to say. We have good guys on this team. I believe there are better days ahead for us. We just need some scoring punch."

Knights assistant coach Jim Beattie offered his assessment on the game.

"Cambrian is a good team," he said. "They got quite a few shots on us but Danny kept us in the game. It's inevitable that a good team like Cambrian is going to capitalize on chances. If we had continued to keep the pressure on them we might have had a chance. In every game you have to approach it with the attitude that you're going to win. If you do that, it's going to pay off."

On Friday, the Knights lost 7-4 to the Haileybury Miners. Niagara scorers were Rick Ryan, Jamie Laurin, Chris Bradnam, and Mike Emond.

The Knights' record is 0-6-1. They got their first point two weeks ago against Sir Sandford Fleming of Peterborough by playing to a three all tie. They return to action Jan. 6 against St. Lawrence College of Brockville at Welland Arena at 8 p.m.

CFL foils computer's prediction in Grey Cup

By DARREN ESAU
Staff Writer

So much for technology.

A computer used by the Alberta Research Centre to predict what team might have an edge in the 1992 Grey Cup proved to be a fairly poor judge of talent. The computer took into account every play from every game throughout the entire CFL season. Over 10,000 plays were charted to see the tendencies of both the Calgary Stampeders and Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and how they might prepare for the big game. It also checked out how they did against each other and also against the rest of the league.

The only thing the computer could not account for was how the two teams would deal with the pressure of Canada's Super Bowl, says CBC host Scott Oake.

That proved to be the computer's first mistake.

The computer predicted that Winnipeg's Michael Richardson, the CFL rookie of the year, would easily penetrate Calgary's defense and rush for 186 yards. It also said that Matt Dunigan would pick apart the Stampeders' secondary and pass for more than 300 yards. Both predictions did not happen. Richardson gained only 27 yards on the ground while Dunigan connected with his receivers for only 47 yards.

The first play of the game basically set the tone for what was going to unfold. On Calgary's first play from scrimmage, MVP quarterback Doug Flutie completed a 39-yard pass to wide receiver Derrick Crawford.

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On the Strength of a single point and three field goals by Mark McLoughlin, along with Flutie's touchdown pass to slotback Dave Sapunjis, the Stampeders went on to a 17-0 lead at the half.

The 45,800 fans in attendance were forced to sit through one of singer Dan Hill's not-so-platinum songs while he flew around the SkyDome in a hot air balloon.

In the third quarter, Calgary added another seven points on a Flutie to Allen Pitts touchdown completion which all but put the game away. Third-year man Danny McManus replaced Dunigan in the fourth quarter and completed a meaningless touchdown pass to Gerald Alphin making the final score 24-10.

U of T cuts tradition

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

Does tradition mean anything these days?

Well, obviously not to the grinders operating the University of Toronto.

Their recommendation that football be cut from the school's athletic program is both ridiculous and irresponsible.

Football has been a tradition at the school for 113 years. No other school in Canada has more of history than the blue and white. They won the first Grey Cup game ever played back in 1909 and have continued to be a strong competitor through the years. The team was ranked third in the nation this year but bowed out in their first playoff game to the Guelph Gryphons in an exciting overtime thriller.

By cutting football, the university will save $200,000 and an additional $250,000 by closing old Varsity Stadium. Other sports to be cut include women's ice hockey, rugby, gymnastics, curling, women's figure skating, men's golf, synchronized swimming, and tennis. These cuts will save the school $29,500.

This is not the first time a situation like this has arisen. The University of Alberta and St. Francis of Xavier each saved their respective football programs through alumni support. In order for this to happen in Toronto, an effort must be made now.

The recommendation will be brought to the university's department council for debate on Dec. 7. If ratified, it will go before the university affairs board Jan. 15 for final approval.

With all the uncertainty, there are a number of questions which must be considered.

VARSITY BLUES

How does the college expect coach Bob Laycoe to field a competitive team if high school players aren't sure there's going to be a team next year? The school has left Laycoe with his hands tied behind his back and his future up in the air.

What will happen to all the players from this year's team? The players must either discontinue their football careers or leave the university and apply elsewhere. Nice way to treat your athletes, eh!

If the football program at the University of Toronto is abolished, university football will never be the same. The decision makers must take tradition and the lives that will be affected into consideration before making a decision.

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Appreciates effort

Canada 125 honors Okanik

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Barbara Okanik was recently presented with an Outstanding CANADA 125 Volunteer Award.

A presentation ceremony was held at the Royal Botanical Garden in Burlington in honor of the more than 450,000 Ontario volunteers who have given their time and effort in celebrating Canada's 125th birthday.

The ceremony was hosted by Dan Iannuzzi, a member of the board of CANADA 125 Corporation. The awards were presented by Ontario's Lt. Gov. Henry N. R. Jackman.

Okanik, development officer in the college's Continuing Education division, was part of the Canada 125 Committee that organized the Niagara College Heritage Showcase. The showcase was held on Oct. 17 in the college's Black Walnut cafeteria and exhibited Canadian landscape artwork and heritage displays. There were 25 displays showcased several of which came from the Niagara Regional Historic Council, the Welland Heritage Council and the St. Catharines Folk Arts Council.

Barbara Okanik, development officer in Continuing Education, proudly shows off her Outstanding CANADA 125 Volunteer Award. Photo by Duncan Warrener

"These kinds of functions help us to appreciate the good things that happen in Canada," said Okanik. "I think that's really positive in this day and age."

"I accepted this award on behalf of our committee of volunteers," said Okanik.

The Canada 125 Committee at the college includes chairman Art Orlando, Okanik, Randy Conlon, Dale Deloughery, Shirley Tomovic, Albert Cyprik and David Schleich.

OCAA names Knights' Currie male athlete of the week

Scott Currie of the Niagara Knights men's basketball team has been named the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's male athlete of the week for the week of Nov. 23.

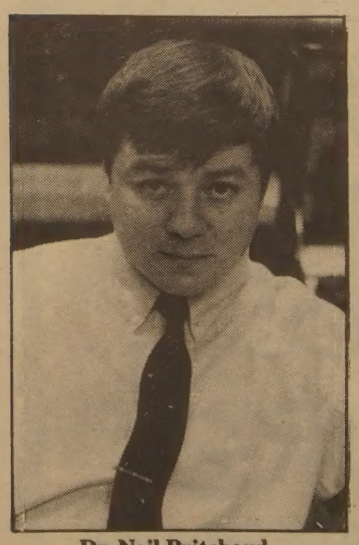
Currie, a combination guard forward, made 10 three-point shots last Saturday against Lambton College. Currie broke the single game record for three-pointers in the 96-81 win. His 16.6 points per-game average places him ninth in the OCAA individual standings. Currie is a third-year business administration/marketing student at Niagara.

The female athlete of the week is Tracey Murray of Fanshawe. Murray, a point guard for the Fanshawe Falcons Women's basketball team is fourth in the league with 16.5 point-per-game average. She leads the league with 10 three-pointers.

The OCAA female team of the week is the Cambrian women's volleyball team. The Golden Shields went undefeated in a tournament in Belleville this past weekend. Cambrian (5-1) is currently in second place in the league standings.

The Loyalist Lancers men's basketball team claimed the male team of the week award. They are currently tied for first in the OCAA division two league with Cambrian. Loyalist beat Niagara 106-90 in a Nov. 27 game.

Graduate offers health services to Niagara College students



Dr. Neil Pritchard

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Dr. Neil Pritchard, a graduate of the Ambulance and Emergency Care program at Niagara College, is offering his services at the health centre two mornings a week along with Dr. Colin Zedes.

Pritchard has been practising medicine for seven years. He works in the emergency ward at Welland County General Hospital.

He was involved with the Ambulance and Emergency Care program as chief of the executive committee. The college realized it needed medical services on campus and contacted him.

"People knew I was around," he said.

"This is much more a labor of love, as opposed to a labor of money," Pritchard said. "It's fun."

The health centre offers many services. Counselling and birth control information are available, he said. The health centre has not been "utilized that well yet," he said, as not enough people are aware of the facility.

Dr. Pritchard and Dr. Zedes will be in the health centre Monday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Pritchard will be helping out at the college until the summer. He and his family will be moving to upstate New York then, where he was offered a job as chief of department in a hospital there.

Pritchard has had quite a travelled past. He had a career in the army for five years, serving in such places as Egypt, Iraq and during the Gulf War.

"Welland County General Hospital was the only one kind enough to write to me while I was in the Persian Gulf," Pritchard said. On his return from the Gulf War, he quit the army and started working at the hospital in Welland.

Pritchard completed his undergraduate degree at McMaster University, in Hamilton, and studied medicine at Queen's University in Kingston. He said the ambulance program at the college was beneficial to his medical profession. "The ambulance course is magnificent," he said. "It's probably one of the most useful one-year courses offered at college or university." It greatly enhances an application to medical school, he said.

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Student denied government funding

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Tom (not his real name) is getting no government assistance to support his family.

Tom, 34, a Niagara College student, is legally separated from his wife so his children can eat. He can't get social assistance because he is a full-time student and not ready, willing and available to work each day.

His wife lost her job and her unemployment insurance payments ended the last week of August. The couple had to separate legally so she would be eligible for mother's allowance. He has gone to various government agencies, starting with social services, and received little help. He looked for a loophole so that he could get something. He was told to have his wife file as head of the household and he as a dependent adult.

"I found out that as a dependent adult eligble for OSAP, Ontario Student Assistance Program, we're still disqualified," Tom said.

The couple doesn't fit into one of the categories eligible to receive social assistance.

Tom, a second-year computer technology student, has considered dropping out of school to support his family.

"I've put my family through hell this long and I can't drop out now because it would all be for nothing," he said.

Tom and his wife have been separated for two months and it has affected the eldest child, who is from his wife's previous marriage.

"My oldest daughter feels that since I moved out of the house she doesn't have to live there anymore," Tom said. "She's starting to put up a brick wall, saying she doesn't love us anymore. Her real father left her and now she figures I'm leaving her too, and she's just starting to put up brick walls at four years old."

Tom and his wife have been married for three and a half years and have three children. He is living with his brother while attending school.

While working this summer, Tom bought his children Christmas presents, "Because I felt that something like this might happen," he said.

In mid-January, Tom has an appointment with Welland MPP Peter Kormos to discuss his case. Tom knows of four other students who have separated from their families for the same reason.

He hopes to organize a committee through his meeting with Kormos to find a course of action.

"If there are any other students in the college that are in the same situation I'd like to know. I don't want to know their names. I want to try to get a council together so when I go see Kormos, I can have an estimate of how many students in Niagara College alone are in the same situation," Tom said.

Students who find themselves in the same situation as Tom can sign a clipboard at the counselling office at ME 103, Welland campus. Students can either sign or just write in a checkmark.

"I might not get anything accomplished while I'm in school, but maybe down the road someone else is going to have to go through the same nonsense that I'm going through," said Tom.

Luncheon held to celebrate college custodian retiring

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

An appreciation luncheon was held in honor of Bob Foster, a college custodian, at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls on Wednesday.

About 100 people attended the luncheon. The meal was prepared and served by the students at the college. Foster has worked in the field for the past 14 years spending three of them at Niagara College.

"A number of friends gathered to wish him well while he works himself through a long-term illness," said David Davies, director at the centre in Niagara Falls.

Money was raised by the faculty in order to celebrate Foster's retirement and to present Foster and his family members with gifts.

The intention of the luncheon was to make the Christmas holidays more memorable for the Foster family, said Beverly Williams, secretary to Davies and who takes reservations for the dining room.

The money was raised by selling raffle and luncheon tickets and donations were made to Foster. A substantial cash gift was presented to Foster after the luncheon.

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Author questions Holocaust; Irving loses immigration trial

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

The placards outside the hearing room say it all.

"Serbs are against Nazis — Not Freedom of Speech."

"Child Abuser, Honorable Men Know Better than you."

Two opposing groups assembled outside the deportation hearing of David Irving Nov. 13 in Niagara Falls. On one side the placard-carrying, older generation of people. The opposition young, black-clad teenagers.

Irving, the British author, has gained publicity and renown during his Canadian stay. The author has achieved notoriety because of his writings on the Holocaust. He claims the Holocaust was grossly exaggerated and that Nazi gas chambers were built after the Second World War as tourist attractions.

The trial was held because Canada Immigration issued Irving a departure notice when he entered Canada. The notice indicated that the author must leave on or before midnight of Nov. 1.

The defence based Irving's case on the premise that the author had in fact complied with the departure notice by exiting Canada Oct. 30 into Blaine, Wash. The evidence supplied included sworn testimony by Brian Fisher, a Canadian living in the United States.

"I wanted to meet Mr. Irving specifically because lithographs from Konrad Kujau (known for the forgery of Adolf Hitler's diaries) came into my possession," Fisher said. An example of the lithographs was presented in the hearing room. The example bore Irving's signature and were dated October 1992.

Stephen McCaffrey, case-presenting officer, attempted to disprove the trip to Blaine with computer records of licence plates showing cross border trips. He called the credibility of the witnesses into question, as well as pointing out conflicting testimony between Fisher and Irving.

The adjudicator, Ken Thomson, said "I could not help but get the impression that you were at times reciting a rehearsed script. I found you to be a difficult witness who was often confrontational..."

"You are hereby ordered deported."

Student movie attracts attention 'The Chair' depicts ultimate fear

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

Some eyebrows were raised when a group of students donned swastika armbands and gathered on the third floor of the Simcoe Building at Welland campus.

With the rise in neo-Nazi violence, the sight of a group of students displaying swastikas openly could raise some concerns and questions.

"The Chair" is the title of a 10 minute film that is the brain child of Paul Gardner, a second year film student. Steve Butler, another second year film student, was brought in as an artistic consultant to assist Gardner in the filming.

Gardner said,"The concept is the intense fear of one man about going to the dentist. He is so terrified that he slips into a dream type world that transports him back in time. Being Jewish, he relates torture to Nazi Germany and in the dream he finds himself in an operating theatre inside the Nazi regime."

The actual fim is estimated to take about a month to complete then it goes into the editing room. Sometime next term the finished product will have its debut.

Tom Brank, first-year Journalism-Print program student, helps the film students by appearing in "The Chair."
Photo by Kimberly Sheppard

SAC offers pre-holiday entertainment

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

End the semester with the Student Administrative Council and After Hours.

As the end of 1992 draws closer, celebrate Niagara College-style with movies and entertainment.

MOVIES — Every Tuesday and Thursday during the SAC activity periods (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) movies are shown in the Hamilton Room free of charge.

ENTERTAINMENT — SAC has organized a pool tournament for Thursday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m. at After Hours. There is a $2 entrance fee to be paid when you sign up. Winner gets the money pot.

Fab Two, singers who appeared at the college earlier this year, make two appearences on Thursday, Dec. 15 and Thursday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. in After Hours. No cover charge.

On Dec. 17, Niagara College is having a Christmas party at the Rose Villa on Riverside Drive in Welland. Live entertainment is provided by LMT Connection, a band that plays a various selection of music from past and present. The door prize is a trip for two to Florida. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 and are available in the SAC office.

On Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. After Hours presents Laser Karaoke. No cover, all are welcome.

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Student food drive a success over 1,000 items donated

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

The student food drive, "Food for Friends," campaign got under way this week. Student volunteers attempted to raise food donations for cash-strapped students.

Over 120 volunteer hours went into planning, organizing and sorting the drive. But, after all the hours, over 1,000 items of food were raised.

Faculty adviser, Brigitte Chiki, stressed that food would start to be distributed Friday, Dec. 4. Any student needing food has only to stop by the counselling office to pick it up.

No appointment is necessary although college identification and a two or three minute interview will be required.

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls got into the spirit by donating 200 of their frozen dinners at the opening of the drive.

'I think it will help a lot of people.'

Chiki said, "Program areas had their own little drives going. The nice thing is that the night class students have really been donating."

The organizers had no specific goal or target when they started but now feel it went well.

"I think a lot of students will be helped, it's been a major effort," Chiki said.

Preparation at exam time essential, confidence should improve results

By BRIAN LAFANTAISIE
Staff Writer

Exams for many people are very frightening things; however, exams can be made easier by preparing for them in the right way. Preparation prior to an exam can increase your confidence and make you more relaxed during the exam. If you realize your fears, you will be able to act on them, making the process of preparing for tests less painful.

Before you start studying, make sure all notes are caught up. You have to have all information in order to study properly. Be sure to ask the teacher if there is a tape recording of the classes. Some teachers may record each class in case a student misses one. A more efficient way of preparing for an exam is to look over notes a few hours after the class has finished. You will retain more information this way. If you are still unsure of anything at this point, ask your teacher.

'The worst thing to do is wait until the last minute.'

After classes have been caught up and notes are in order, start studying for your exam. There are many ways to go about it. Find a quiet, well lit place to study. Make sure there are no distractions and that you are comfortable. Don't try to study too long on one subject; time your sessions. The worst thing to do is wait until the last minute. Cramming is not a good way to study because a lot of information can be missed.

When your study schedule is straight in your mind, try to find out as much about the exam as possible. Know the time and date. Nothing is more stressful than being late for a exam. Ask the teacher the process or style that will be used. Look back through notes or ask your teacher if there is anything on the exam that can be revealed to you. And last, find out the value of the test. The value can tell you the level of importance, making the exam less or more stressful.

After going through all procedures, you will find you feel more comfortable going into your exam. If you ask a person whom you know does well on exams, you will find that the person will generally prepare for tests in a similar way. Studying in this style will create an inner confidence that will overshadow any sense of fear and allow you to perform to the best of your abilities with great success.

Life and times of a snowman

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Niagara College is the biggest client on his list. He comes here first when it snows at least two inches.

For the past four years, the college's snow removal contract has been with Frank Pate, owner of L&S Roofing of Welland.

As part of his responsibilities, he listens to radio reports and calls the weather office. When hearing there is the possiblity of four inches of snow after the night school students leave, he begins getting ready to do his job of plowing the snow. There are two snow plows used to clear the parking lots at the college.

During the day, if there is a lot of snow on the roadways, he clears the way for student traffic.

"He relies on the weather office and the security guards that are here," said Doug Matthews, college maintenance supervisor. "We have a night shift security and he (Pate) has to sleep sometime. So if it doesn't snow by the time he goes to bed, the security guards keep an eye on it; if it does snow afterwards, and they go out and check the accumulation. If it's getting too heavy they decide to call him in for us."

The contractor does the sidewalks, but during the day the college custodians keep the doorways clear of snow and salt the main sidewalks.

The process of snow removal runs smoothly, said Matthews.

"If you go anywhere where there's snow removal there's always certain spots that might get missed," he said. "It seeems to me that every time they miss a spot that's where the persons are going to be walking. There are many complaints for snow removal, but we just can't be everywhere at once. It's hard, it's very hard."

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Niagara staff among 27 to receive award

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from home in doing these things, but it's important for community betterment."

"I'm grateful to a lot of people who have volunteered with me and I wish to share the award with them," he said. "It's really (the award) on behalf of all the volunteers who worked on those projects."

Cote and the other recipients were nominated by a bi-partisan committee for the award. The ceremony will be held Sunday at the Notre Dame College High School auditorium.

Oldies dance will raise money for scholarship

By ROGER STROOP
Staff Writer

The Epilepsy Niagara Peninsula Association will hold an oldies dance to raise money for a scholarship fund in the name of a former Niagara College student at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4 in Welland Dec. 18.

The two scholarships the association hopes to create will be valued at $150 and named after Phil Mansfield, who died last spring after an epileptic seizure, says Barbara Lochhead, Epilepsy Niagara president. Mansfield attended Niagara last year.

The scholarships will be awarded this spring to deserving students with disabilities based on "the same criteria as any other scholarship," Lochhead said.

Tickets for the dance cost $10 and are available at the Epilepsy Niagara office at 266 Division St. in Welland. The phone number is 735-6143.

SAC sponsors Christmas bash

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Student Administrative Council will sponsor a Christmas Bash at the Rose Villa Tavern on Riverside Drive in Welland Dec. 17.

Doors open at 8 p.m. The band, LMT Connection, an eight-piece concert-style ensemble, who won second place in a HTZ-FM contest held two months ago, will play at 9 p.m.

Admission is $5. SAC has printed 600 tickets.

The tavern will have food specials all day for anyone with a Niagara College identification card.

Students under 19 years of age will be given an arm-band in exchange for their driver's licence. This will allow them to stay in the tavern even though they won't be allowed to drink.

"At the end of the night, if the arm band is still on, the person will get their ID back," said Channon Dilts, SAC's vice-president social affairs.

Law and Security spills most blood

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

For the first time in a decade, the Corpsuckle Cup, given to the program year with the highest percentage of donations from its students at Niagara College's annual blood clinic, belongs to a program other than Ambulance and Emergency Care.

Of 215 first-year Law and Security Administration program students, 132, or 61.4 per cent, donated blood. Ambulance students came second, donating 46 pints or 54.7 per cent.

LASA again won the Buddy Blood Drop trophy.

Nicol uses medical background to save heart attack victim

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Some tragedies do have good outcomes even when it's least expected.

James Nicol, 21, a student at Brock University, can certainly account for that during the Canada 125 celebration held at Niagara College in October.

During the celebration, George Chipman, of Welland, suffered a heart attack which needed immediate treatment. Fortunately, Nicol and Heather Hodgson, an instructor in the Law and Security Administration program, were at the celebration. Cardiopulminary resuscitation was performed by Nicol and Hodgson before the paramedics arrived from the Welland County General Hospital. Chipman remains in fair condition in hospital.

At first it was thought Chipman had a seizure but his heart had stopped, said Niagara College President John Saso who called the emergency 911 number.

"I was walking around looking at the exhibits when I saw them with George Chipman," said Nicol. "At first I thought it was an exhibit teaching people how to perform CPR."

I thought it was an exhibit teaching people how to perform CPR — Nicol

Nicol became familiar with CPR and autopsies because of his job in the Tampa General Hospital in Florida. The Welland native moved to the U.S. at 15 because he was employed by the U.S. government at the hospital. He learned basic procedures such as how to draw blood and to apply an intravenus.

"I had experience with CPR because I worked in a lab and performed autopsies and learned to be a pathologist," said Nicol.

He recently moved back to Welland in order to continue his studying and is enrolled in the biotechnology course. He may be considering going to McMaster University in Hamilton to finish his degree.

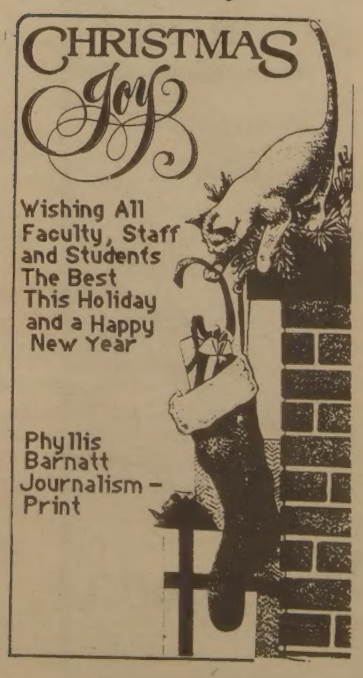
His mother is part of the singing group with the college and they were in need of male singers because there weren't enough that day.

"When I first got to him I couldn't find a heartbeat and we kept trying to revive him and finally we did," said Nicol, who wishes that more people knew CPR. "I turned him over right away and gave him two quick blows to the back and then continued to do chest compressions and we had to do it twice."

Nicol said he thought Chipman was in shock until the paramedics arrived. He gave credit to Hodgson for performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation which he considers the hardest part. Hodgson said she had previous training as a former police officer.

"I'm pretty surprised that the paramedics got there as fast as they did considering it's harder to get into the campus as compared to going to a house," said Nichol.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally wish a Merry Christmas to the two best teachers I know, Phillis Barnatt and Gary Erb.
I would also like to wish a very Merry Christmas to all my friends in the Finecial Aid, Admissions, and Registers office (yes, even you Carol)
Have a happy holiday.
Sue Harvey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